

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

Paolo Pronesti,
Plaintiff

v.

Department of Family Services, et al.,
Defendants

2:15-cv-01994-JAD-PAL

**Order Adopting Report and
Recommendation and Dismissing and
Closing Case**

[ECF No. 2]

Pro se plaintiff Paolo Pronesti sues the Clark County District Attorney's Office, the Clark County Department of Child and Family Services (DFS), and a handful of DFS employees to challenge state-court custody proceedings. Magistrate Judge Peggy Leen granted Pronesti's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and screened his complaint, and she recommends that I dismiss this case with prejudice for lack of jurisdiction. Pronesti objects.¹ Having reviewed Magistrate Judge Leen's findings and conclusions *de novo*, I agree that this court lacks jurisdiction. As the magistrate judge explained, federal courts do not have appellate jurisdiction over state courts,² nor over child-custody matters.³ Because Pronesti's claims constitute a de facto appeal of the family court's custody determination, I lack jurisdiction over his claims.⁴ Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that the magistrate judge's report and recommendation [ECF No. 2] is **ADOPTED, and this case is DISMISSED with prejudice.**

¹ ECF No. 4.

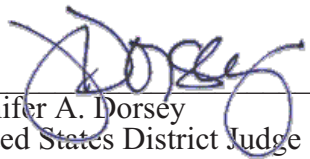
² ECF No. 3 (citing *Rooker v. Fid Trust Co.*, 263 U.S. 413 (1923); *D.C. Court of Appeals v. Feldman*, 460 U.S. 462, 482–86 (1983)).

³ *Id.* at 4 (citing *Ankenbrandt v. Richards*, 504 U.S. 689 (1992)).

⁴ I note that Pronesti filed a second-amended complaint after the magistrate judge issued her report and recommendation, but it suffers from the same deficiencies.

1 The Clerk of Court is directed to enter judgment for defendants and against Pronesti and
2 CLOSE THIS CASE.

3 Dated this 13th day of March, 2017.

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6 Jennifer A. Dorsey
7 United States District Judge
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